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## HOOKWORM DISEASE IN BENTON COUNTY

The State Board of Health will give everyone in Benton County Free Examination and Free Treatment for this dangerous contagious disease. This work has been assigned to Dr. W. S. Rude, representative of the State Board of Health, who will spend four weeks in the county giving examination and treatment to those desiring better sanitary conditions. Dispensaries will be operated at the following places on dates named:

BIG SANDY, TUESDAYS, MAY 11, 25 AND JUNE 1.  
CLAUD, WEDNESDAYS, MAY 12, 26 AND JUNE 2.  
HOLLADAY, THURSDAYS, MAY 13, 27 AND JUNE 3.  
COXBURG, FRIDAYS, MAY 14, 28 AND JUNE 4.  
CAMDEN, SATURDAYS, MAY 8, 15, 29 AND JUNE 5.

These dispensaries have been operated in over half the counties of Tennessee with marked success and more than thirty-five thousand people been given free treatment. Carroll, Henry and Henderson Counties have taken advantage of this opportunity and a great many people in these counties have been treated for this disease.

Two hundred and two school children of Benton County have been examined and fifty-four of this number were found to have hookworm disease.

**CAUSE**—Hookworm disease is caused by small round worms about half an inch long. This worm lives in the small bowel, occasionally being found in the stomach. Being provided with strong jaws and a median tooth, which enable it to attach itself to the wall of the intestines, it wounds the lining membrane of the bowel, sucks the blood and produces a poison which is very injurious to the person affected.

**HOW THE PARASITE GETS INTO THE BODY**—The worms do not multiply in the body, but the females deposit great numbers of eggs which are passed out with the normal bowel movements. These eggs, under the favorable conditions of temperature, moisture and shade, hatch out the young worms, called larvae, in the course of about twenty-four hours. Within a week this tiny worm is in the stage in which it is capable of entering the human body, which it may do in one of two ways. First, it may be swallowed with contaminated food or water. Secondly, it may get into the body by boring through the skin. After penetrating the skin the worm enters the blood stream, passes through the heart and lungs, makes its way up the windpipe or is caught up and swallowed and after its passage down the gullet into the stomach finally enters the small bowel where it attaches itself to the lining membrane. It is estimated that the average life of the hookworm is about eleven years.

**SYMPTOMS**—In children the infection is likely to retard the physical and mental development of the child. The skin of hookworm patients assumes a marked pallor because of the weakening of the blood, which we call anemia. In the early stages of the disease "ground itch" is often found upon the feet or ankles. It is frequently noticed that scratches and minor wounds upon the skin heal very slowly. Swelling of the face, feet and ankles or, in extreme cases, of the whole body may be present. The shoulder blades are prominent and the patient presents a stooped appearance. The appetite may be very light or it may be ravenous. Sometimes there is complete absence of desire for food, and again it may be next to impossible to satisfy the cravings of the patient. Craving for abnormal articles is often noted; these are spoken of as "dirt eaters." Heartburn and the accumulation of gas in the digestive tract are common. Enlarged, painful, tender stomach and constipation are symptoms. Difficult breathing, palpitation of the heart, shortness of breath and dizziness point to hookworm disease. The pale, swarthy color and a tired, worn out feeling are the chief symptoms to look for.

**TREATMENT**—The most severe cases readily respond to treatment and the patient regains good color, weight and is relieved of that tired, worn out feeling. We are here to examine and treat people that want to do something to better the health of the people of your county. You may have a member of your family with the disease and that member may be spreading the disease over your entire community. You take interest in your stock, why not take a little interest in your family and give them the advantage of improving sanitary conditions around your home. You are put to no cost whatever and a broad-minded view of diseases that are killing people far and wide may be in time to save a member of your family. Have your entire family examined and if none of them are infected you will be setting a good example in your community by your influence in bringing others to be examined who, though diseased, have not the disposition to take the lead in securing the free treatment they need. Anything done to prevent hookworm disease is something done to prevent typhoid fever and other diseases that are spread by same methods. It behooves us to do everything possible to keep our physical manhood up to that high standard that has been remarked by all the world and which has been the boast of Tennessee. The State Board of Health seeks the active cooperation of every citizen in the prevention of all communicable diseases.

### BIG SANDY.

Horace Akers went to Paris one day last week.

Noah Davidson of Claud was here Saturday.

Mrs. Tharp Tayloe visited in Danville last week.

G. W. Dowdy and J. M. Doty were in Camden Monday.

L. A. Wyatt and family of Camden were here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cooper and daughter, Miss Morie, spent the sabbath in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Pafford spent the week-end with home-folks in Flatwoods.

Mrs. Lee Bowles and daughter, Miss Inez, of Camden visited here the first of the week.

Dr. J. T. Freeman, J. S. Lindsey and others went to Tennessee River fishing last week.

Harry Fitzsimmons and wife of Paris visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown, this week.

Our hustling banker, W. T. Pafford, is having a handsome dwelling erected on his farm just in the edge of town.

Newton T. Bowles and family went to Camden Sunday, where Mrs. Bowles and children are spending the week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pafford of Camden passed through here en route to Crooked Creek to visit their daughter, Mrs. Dinwiddie, last week.

Walter Herndon, who was pronounced a tuberculosis patient, left

here about two months ago for the Modern Woodmen Sanitarium, Colorado Springs, Col., has returned much improved.

"Popping the Question" and "Out In the Streets," two plays, the former a farce in one act and full of real fun that will not only tickle the little folks, but that will make the older ones enjoy the occasion as well, and the latter a real impressive and deep grounded temperance play, will be presented in the school building Friday evening the 7th instant.

### WHEATLEY.

William Watters of Henry County spent the sabbath at Faxon.

Mrs. Lena Collins and children of Erin visited Mrs. Lisa Wynn last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Wheatley, another boy, named James Freeman.

Odie Cagle of Flatwoods spent the sabbath with his brother-in-law and family at Faxon.

Miss Ona Wyatt, who has been in Illinois this winter and spring, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Maggie Cooper and little daughter, Miss Edna, are visiting relatives and friends at Bemis.

Rev. W. W. Henley preached an interesting sermon to a large audience at Faxon Wednesday night.

Henry Fitzsimmons of Faxon left last Tuesday for New York City in search for his sister, who he has not seen in 40 years and he will be gone for several weeks.

Paul Akers of Memphis was called here Wednesday by the death of his father, returning Monday.

Little Miss Lola Hawley is spending a few weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alsop.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Price of White Oak visited the family of Arthur Gross the first of the week.

Miss Gertrude Carter of Paris attended the burial of her grandfather, W. R. Akers, last Wednesday.

Mathew Robins of Faxon, who has been suffering with pelagra in his hands, has recovered so as to be able to work.

George S. Wheatley, telegraph operator, left for Leewood near Binghamton this week where he has a position.

Our efficient postmaster, J. S. Davidson, has been confined to his room several days, but is able to be on duty this week.

Well, Lick Creek is ahead with preachers, Rev. Mr. Stockdale the boy preacher, 11 years old, who makes the gospel ring.

About fifty young people of McKinnon and Stewart came over Sunday to gather flowers in the hollow of upper Crooked Creek.

Superintendent of the Crooked Creek Sunday school, John R. Hawkins, has set the third Sunday in this month for Children's Day.

Rev. C. B. Clayton united Harmon Goforth and Miss Dell Greer in the holy bonds of wedlock at the residence of W. J. Gearheiser last Friday evening. Mr. Goforth

is a son of Milford and Maggie Goforth of Faxon, and is a hard working Christian gentleman who has many friends who wish him and his wife a long and happy life.

John Pafford of Camden was down on business pertaining to his farm last week.

William R. Akers died at his home April 27 of kidney trouble and paralysis of the bowels, age 69 years. He had been in bad health some time, but the end came sooner than was expected. He was buried at Crooked Creek Cemetery Wednesday, Rev. C. B. Clayton preaching his funeral. Mr. Akers had lived a consistent Christian nearly all his life, and had many friends. He leaves a widow and six children, three boys and three girls. We extend the widow and family our sympathy in this sad bereavement.

### TO THE PUBLIC.

All parties are hereby notified not to make any account with my wife, Milbrey Wilson, nor to either of my three sons to be charged to me, for I will not be responsible for any such account or accounts. This April 5, 1915.

W. M. WILSON.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, burns, sprains, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

### LONESOME RIDGE.

There was a nice crowd at Sunday school Sunday.

Wyly Parker was the guest of William Nunnery Sunday.

Mrs. Rhoda Smith was the guest of Mrs. Emma Cole Tuesday.

Miss Hazel Oxford was the guest of Miss Annie Yates last week.

Miss Clara Nunnery spent the sabbath with Mrs. Sallie Nunnery.

Mrs. Joel Nunnery spent the sabbath with her mother, Mrs. P. A. Yates.

Mr. and Mrs. Ether Nunnery were the guests of W. J. Nunnery last week.

Mrs. Frankie Wallace was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Nunnery Sunday.

Little Miss Lattie Nunnery visited her grand-mother, Mrs. Sallie Nunnery last week.

How are the farmers getting along planting? They are getting along splendid here.

B. C. Harris spent the sabbath at Hollow Rock. Guess you had a nice time, Mr. Harris.

Miss Virgie Johnson of Morris Chapel spent the week-end with her uncle, Horace Johnson.

Mrs. Haford Watson and little son, Clarence, of Eva City spent the week-end here with relatives.

Wyly Parker, Joel Nunnery, Johnie Johnson, William Moore and William Nunnery were the guests of Will Peacock one day last week.

Many good wishes to The Chronicle and its readers.